

# FABLES

The cover art depicts a chaotic scene in a city street. A woman with long black hair and a red floral-patterned cape stands centrally, looking forward with a somber expression. Behind her, a large, bearded man in a brown coat is embracing a woman with blonde hair. To the left, a man in a police uniform looks on with a concerned expression. In the foreground, the back of a man's head and shoulders is visible, looking towards the central woman. The background shows a city street with buildings and a large fire or explosion, with bright light and smoke filling the air. The overall color palette is dominated by reds, oranges, and yellows, with some cooler tones in the shadows.

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# THE BATTLE OF FABLETOWN

CHAPTER SEVEN ◦

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HOLD THEM!

KEEP FIRING! POUR IT ON!

WHY? IT'S NOT DOING ANY GOOD! BULLETS DON'T SEEM TO BOTHER THEM!

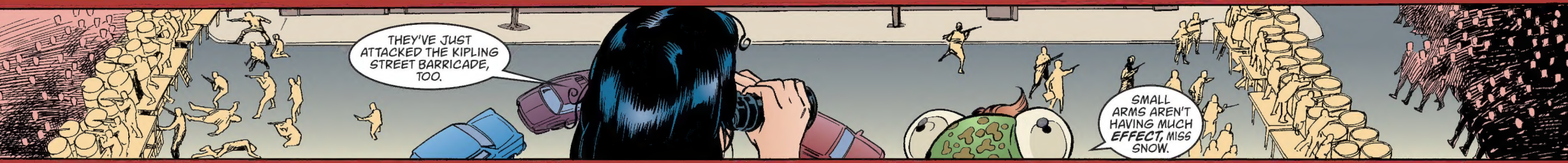
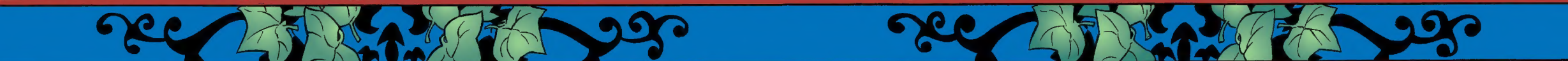
THEN AIM AT THEIR HEADS! MAYBE WE CAN SHOOT THEIR EYES OUT, OR SPLINTER THEM SO BADLY THEY'RE BLINDED!

OH YEAH? AND JUST WHEN DO YOU THINK I BECAME ANNIE OAKLEY?

THE SOUTH WALL IS HOLDING-- FOR NOW-- BUT IT WON'T MUCH LONGER, UNLESS WE REINFORCE IT.

PULL ONE-IN-THREE FROM THE NORTH WALL AND--

--NO, WAIT! CANCEL THAT ORDER!



THEY'VE JUST ATTACKED THE KIPLING STREET BARRICADE, TOO.

SMALL ARMS AREN'T HAVING MUCH EFFECT, MISS SNOW.



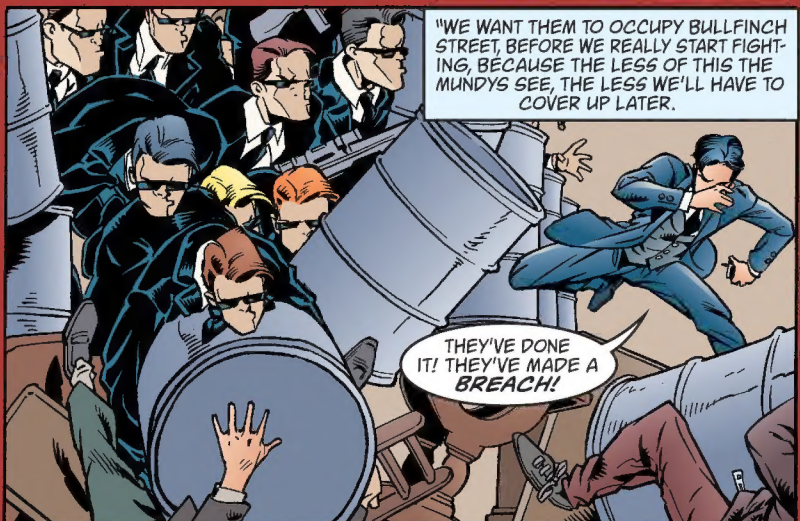
MAYBE WE SHOULD BREAK OUT THE--

NOT YET, FLY. WE'LL WAIT UNTIL THE ENEMY BREACHES THE FIRST DEFENSES.



YOU THINK THE BARRICADES WILL FALL?

OF COURSE. IT'S INEVITABLE.



"WE WANT THEM TO OCCUPY BULLFINCH STREET, BEFORE WE REALLY START FIGHTING, BECAUSE THE LESS OF THIS THE MUNDYS SEE, THE LESS WE'LL HAVE TO COVER UP LATER."

THEY'VE DONE IT! THEY'VE MADE A BREACH!



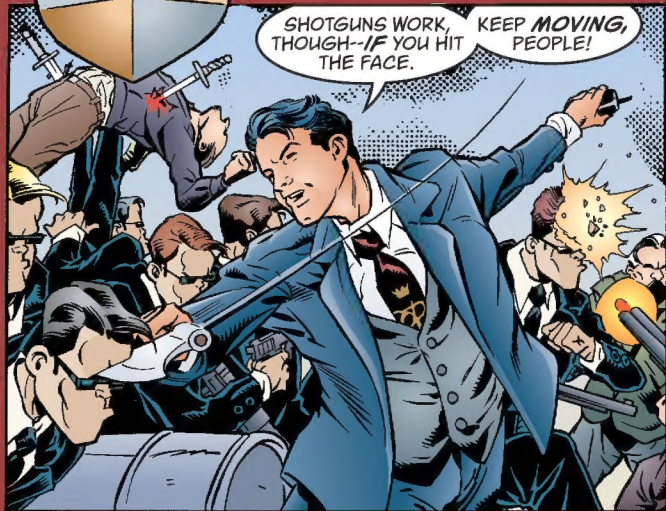
"ALL PART OF THE PLAN, FLY. NO NEED TO LOSE OUR NERVE--YET."

FALL BACK! FALL BACK!

FLY, TELL SNOW SHE'S GOT TO PULL THEM OFF THE NORTH WALL TOO, OR THEY'LL BE CUT OFF!

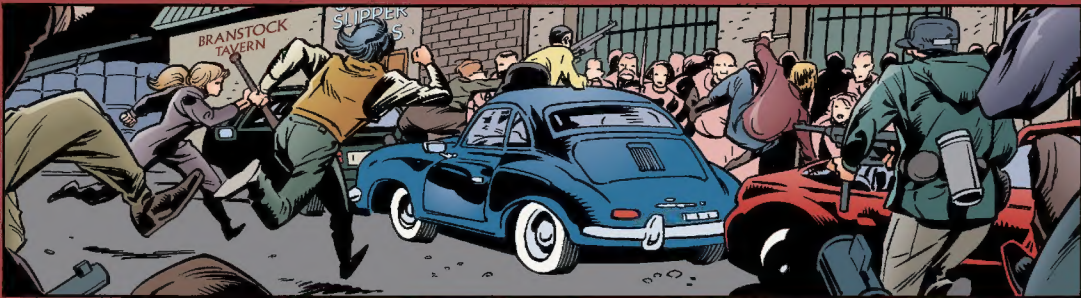


TAKING LOSSES,  
GUNS ALMOST **USELESS**,  
EXCEPT TO ARM THE ENEMY  
WHEN THEY TAKE THEM  
FROM US.



SHOTGUNS WORK,  
THOUGH--**IF** YOU HIT  
THE FACE.

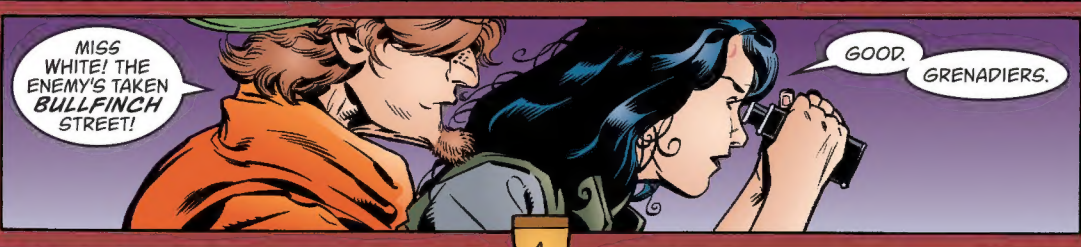
KEEP MOVING,  
PEOPLE!



THE MEAT  
RESISTANCE IS  
COLLAPSING RAPIDLY,  
BROTHERS.

NOT SO QUICKLY,  
ONE HOPES, THAT WE ARE  
DENIED OUR FAIR SHARE  
OF KILLING AND  
MAIMING.

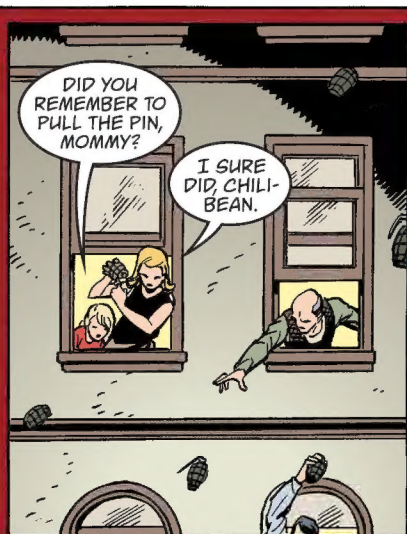
NO REASON A JUDICIOUS  
AMOUNT OF KILLING AND MAIMING  
CAN'T CONTINUE **AFTER**  
THE MEAT-HEADS SURRENDER,  
BROTHER.



MISS  
WHITE! THE  
ENEMY'S TAKEN  
**BULLFINCH**  
STREET!

GOOD.  
GRENADIERS.





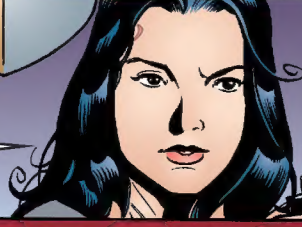


WOW.  
THAT SHOOK  
THEM UP A  
BIT.

BUT WE  
USED UP ALL OF  
THE GRENADES.  
WE NEEDED  
MORE.

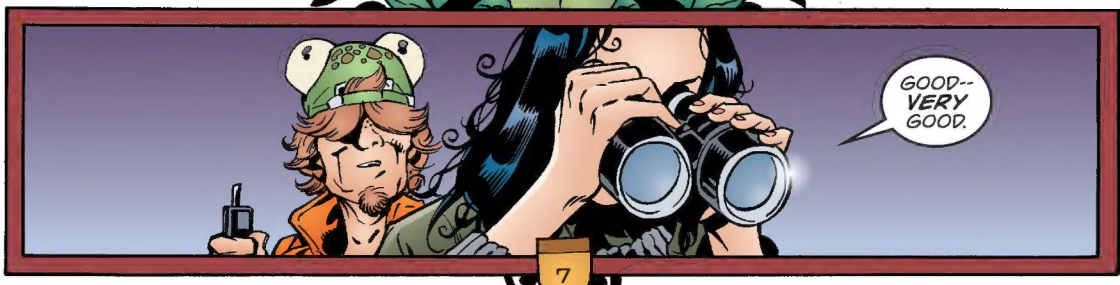
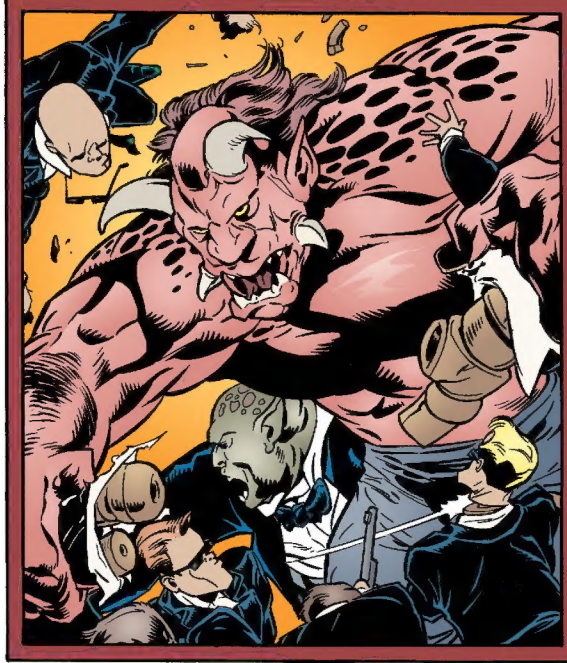


WE'LL  
KNOW  
BETTER  
NEXT  
TIME.



NOW, WE  
CAN'T LET THEM  
HAVE TIME TO  
RECOVER. SEND  
IN THE **BIG**  
FIGHTERS.







NOW, FLY WHILE THEY'RE OCCUPIED, PULL EVERYONE BACK INSIDE THE WOODLAND COURTYARD.

AND REMIND THEM: MAKE SURE THE ENEMY SEES YOU RETREAT, AND LOOK PANICKED DOING IT.





RETREAT!

RUN FOR IT!

ON THE DOUBLE!



LOOK, BROTHERS! THE COWARDLY MEAT IS ON THE RUN!

COME, BROTHERS! LET US BOLDLY PRESS OUR ADVANTAGE!



KILL THEM ALL!

EXCEPT THOSE RIDING HOOD WANTS CAPTURED ALIVE!

OH-RIGHT! KILL MOST OF THEM, THEN!



FIRE.

OOPS.

DRAT THE LUCK.

THIS CAN'T TURN OUT WELL.





WOW.

GOD BLESS YOU, SNOW. IF YOU AREN'T A GRAND LASS, THEN **NOBODY** IS.

FOR A FIRST-TIME AMATEUR, YOU **SURE** KNOW HOW TO PLAN A BATTLE.



SO, ANY OF YOU **TOY SOLDIERS** STILL HAVE SOME **FIGHT** IN YOU?



OF COURSE WE'RE STILL ABLE TO FIGHT.

DO YOU IMAGINE US FRAGILE MEAT, TO BE DISCOURAGED BY A FEW SCRATCHES?

AND WHAT'S WITH THE "TOY SOLDIER" COMMENT? WAS THAT INTENDED AS A **JIBE**?



WEYLAND!

MEDIC!



WE NEED A MEDIC OUT--



LET US THROUGH, PLEASE!

MAKE A HOLE!



LET ME GO, JACKASS! I WANT TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING!

TOO BAD, PINOCCHIO. YOU'RE GOING TO STAY INSIDE HERE WHERE IT'S SAFE.



YOU SHOULD BE OUT THERE, TOO.

AND YET HERE I REMAIN.

COWARD.

PUNK.



DOCTOR SWINEHEART! THIS ONE'S WOUNDED BAD!



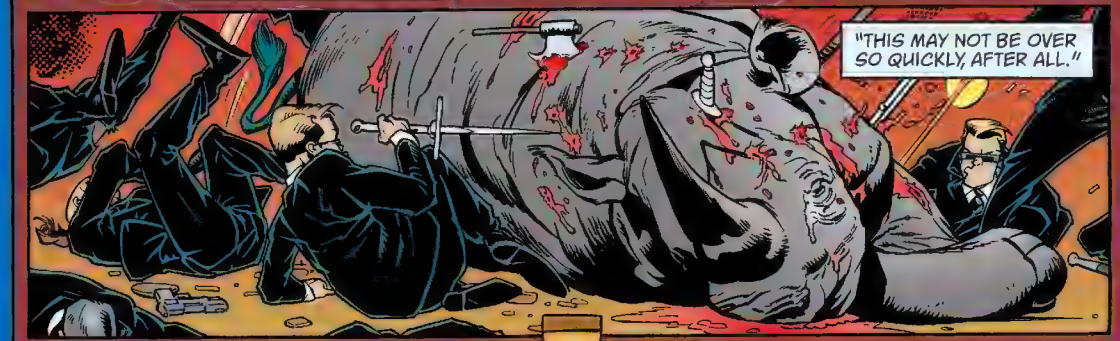
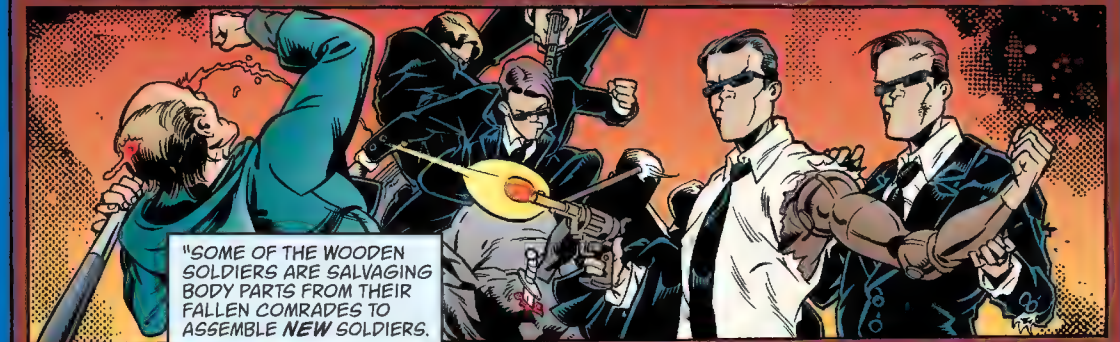
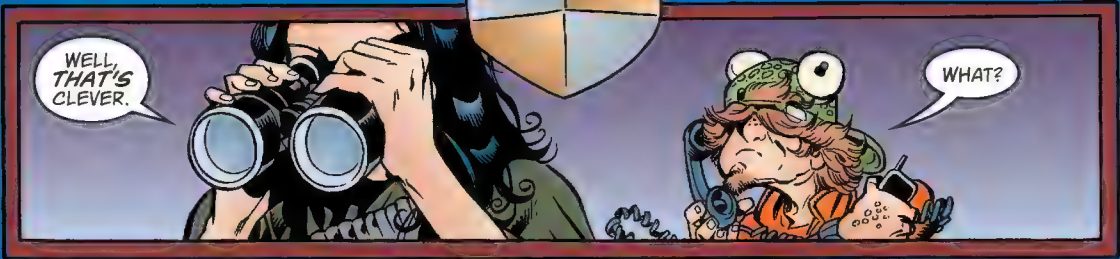
WHERE DO YOU WANT HIM?

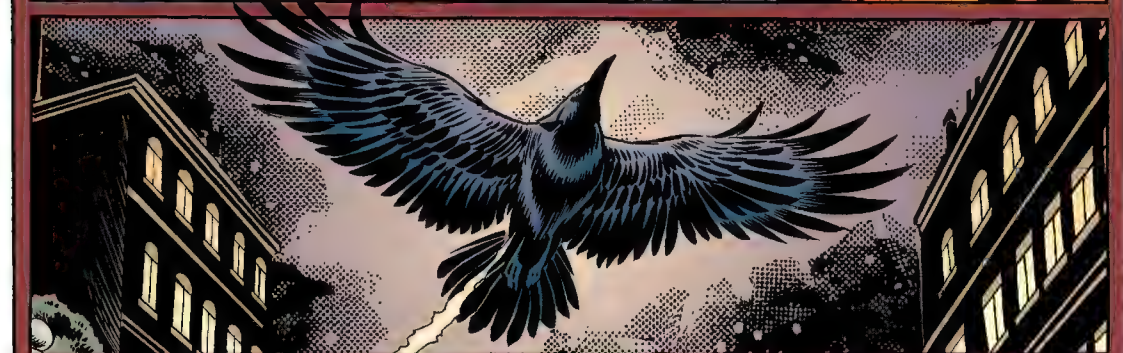
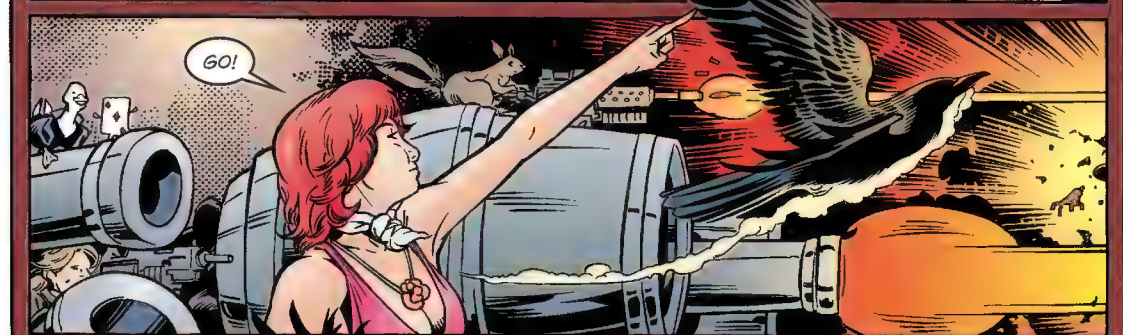
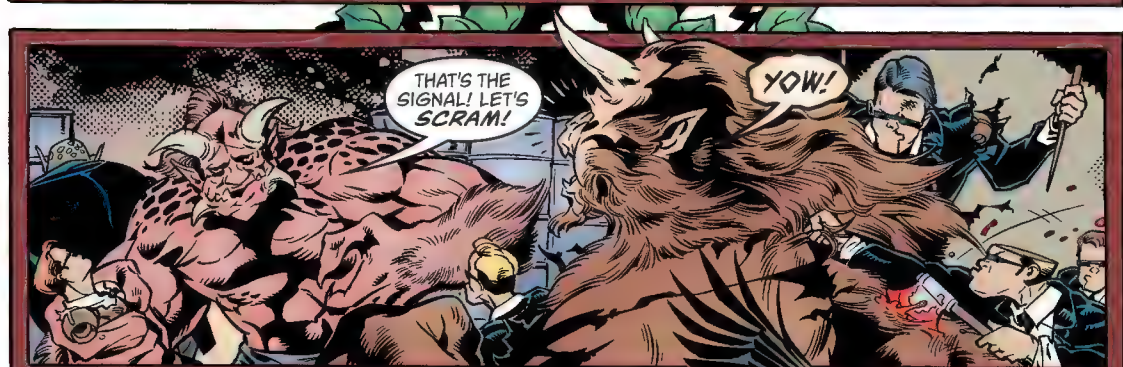


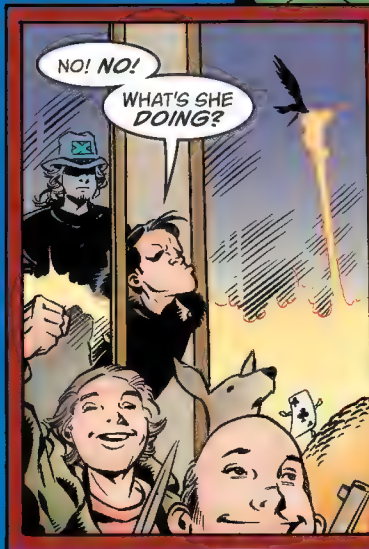


SET HIM DOWN ANYWHERE THERE'S ROOM.

I'LL TRIAGE AGAIN, ONCE I FINISH WITH THIS PATIENT.







NO! NO!

WHAT'S SHE DOING?



GET BACK IN HERE, YOU LITTLE TWERP!

SNOW DOESN'T UNDERSTAND!

THOSE CREATURES ARE LIKE ME! MADE LIKE ME, OUT OF HARDWOOD!

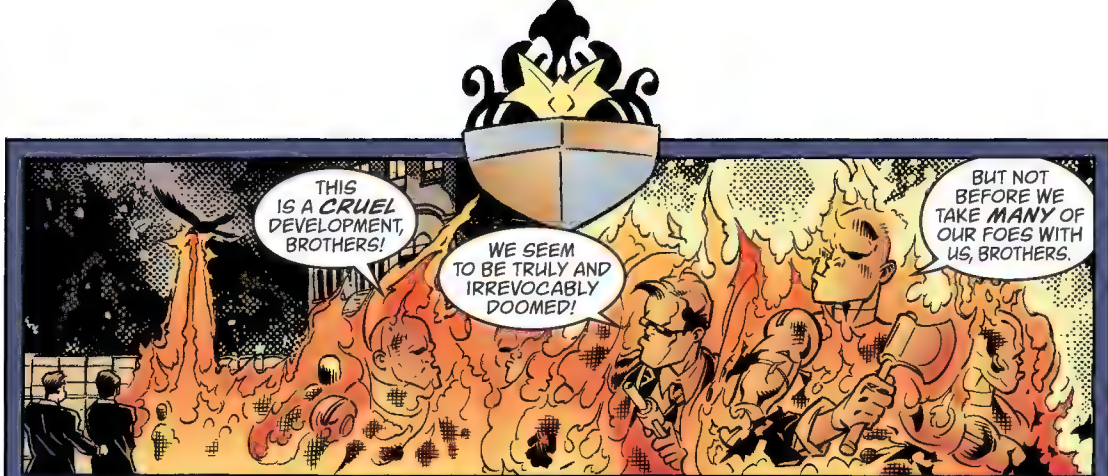


YES, THEY'LL BURN EVENTUALLY, BUT NOT QUICKLY!

AND UNTIL THEN THEY'LL STILL WALK AND KILL AND SET FIRE TO WHATEVER THEY TOUCH!

SNOW'S JUST CREATED TWO HUNDRED MOBILE HUMAN TORCHES!





THIS IS A **CRUEL** DEVELOPMENT, BROTHERS!

WE SEEM TO BE TRULY AND IRREVOCABLY DOOMED!

BUT NOT BEFORE WE TAKE **MANY** OF OUR FOES WITH US, BROTHERS.

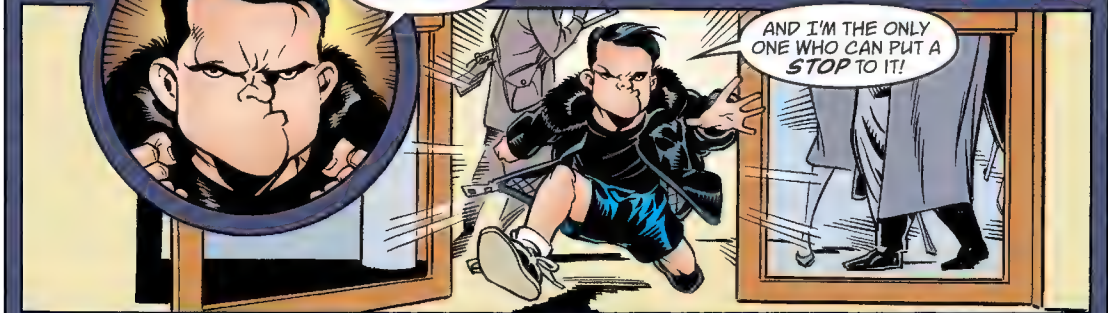


**RUN, JACK! WARN SNOW! TELL HER WHAT SHE'S DOING!**

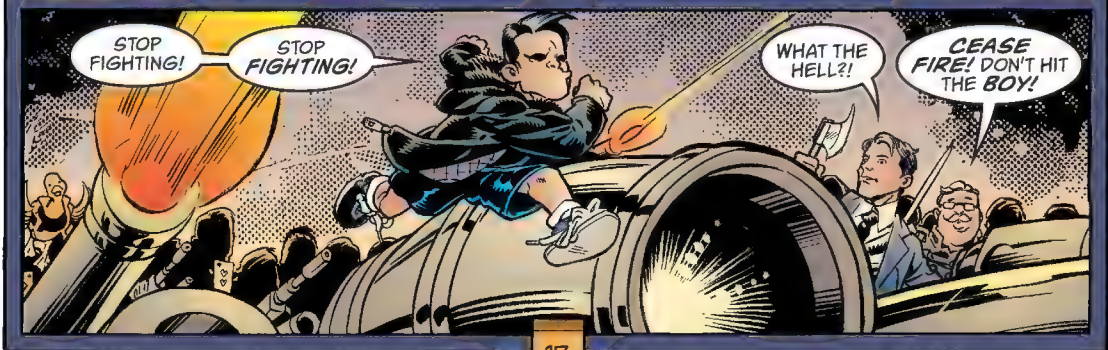


LET'S GO COOK US SOME **MEAT**, BROTHERS!

THIS IS **MADNESS!**



AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN PUT A **STOP** TO IT!



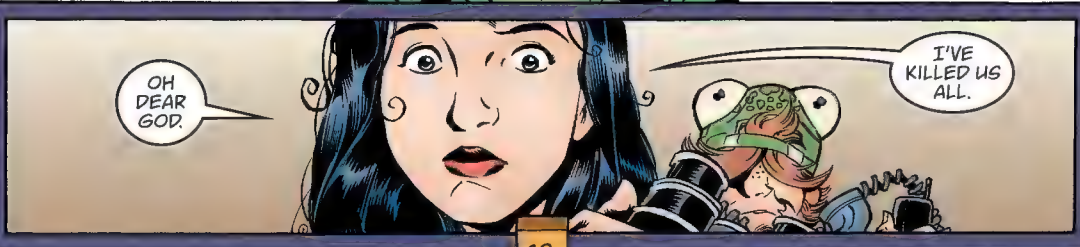
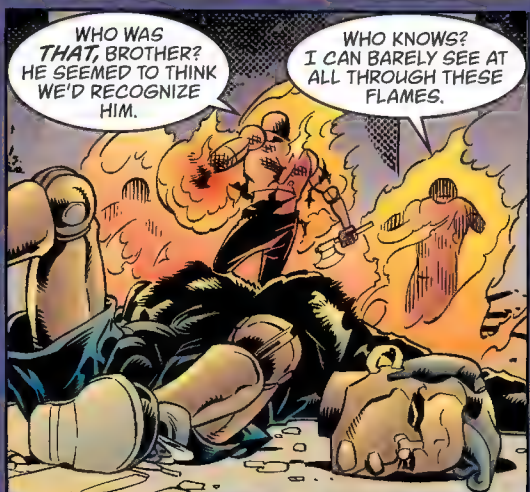
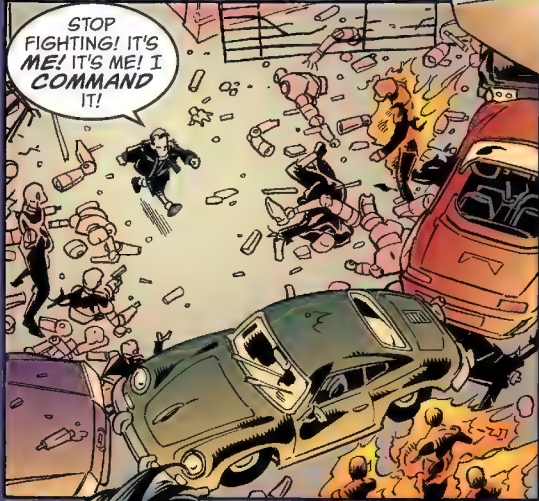
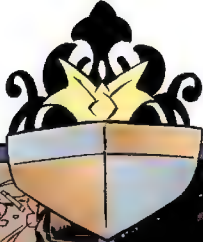
**STOP FIGHTING!**

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WHAT THE HELL?!

**CEASE FIRE! DON'T HIT THE BOY!**







CALL EVERY GROUP LEADER. FIGHT THE FIRES, IF THEY CAN, BUT GET READY TO EVACUATE EVERY BUILDING ALONG BULLFINCH STREET.

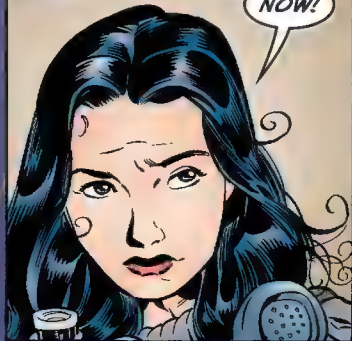
BOTH SIDES!

I'M ON IT!

EXIT INTO THE BACK ALLEYS. DON'T TRY TO ESCAPE PAST THE BURNING MEN!

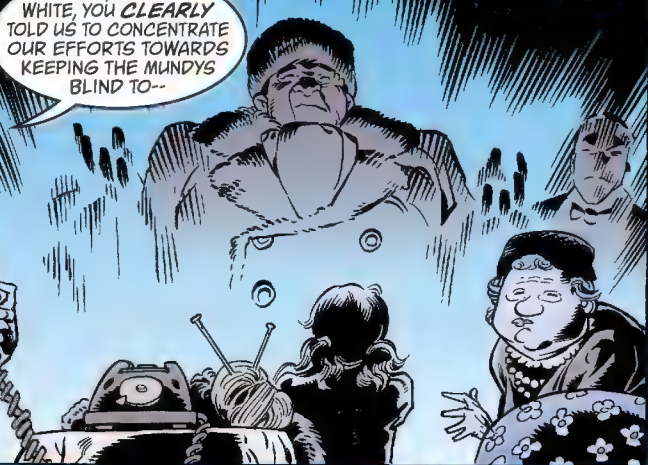
AND GET ME THE THIRTEENTH FLOOR!

NOW!

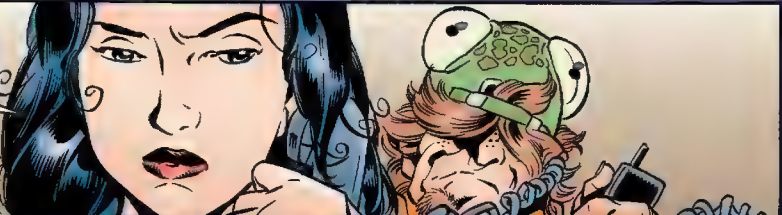
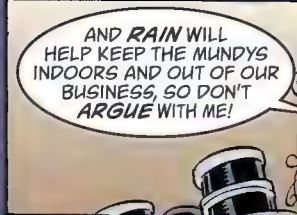


MAKE IT RAIN! HARD AND FAST!

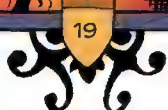
BUT, MISS WHITE, YOU CLEARLY TOLD US TO CONCENTRATE OUR EFFORTS TOWARDS KEEPING THE MUNDYS BLIND TO--

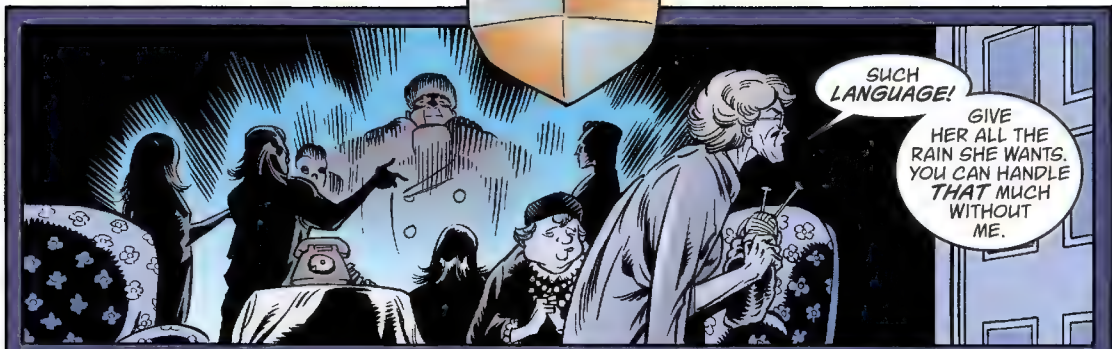


AND RAIN WILL HELP KEEP THE MUNDYS INDOORS AND OUT OF OUR BUSINESS, SO DON'T ARGUE WITH ME!



"OBEY ME, WOMAN, OR YOU'LL DISCOVER JUST HOW MUCH SHIT I CAN UNLEASH ON FABLETOWN CITIZENS WHO PISS ME OFF!"





SUCH LANGUAGE!

GIVE HER ALL THE RAIN SHE WANTS. YOU CAN HANDLE THAT MUCH WITHOUT ME.



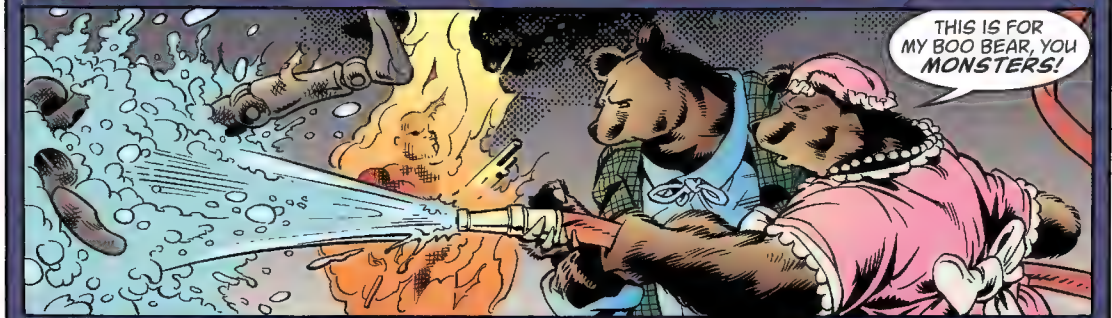
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

OUT TO TEACH AN IMPUDENT WOMAN A WELL-DESERVED LESSON THAT'S BEEN TOO LONG COMING.



OKAY, THEY'VE GOT THE HOSE ON TARGET. TURN THE WATER ON.

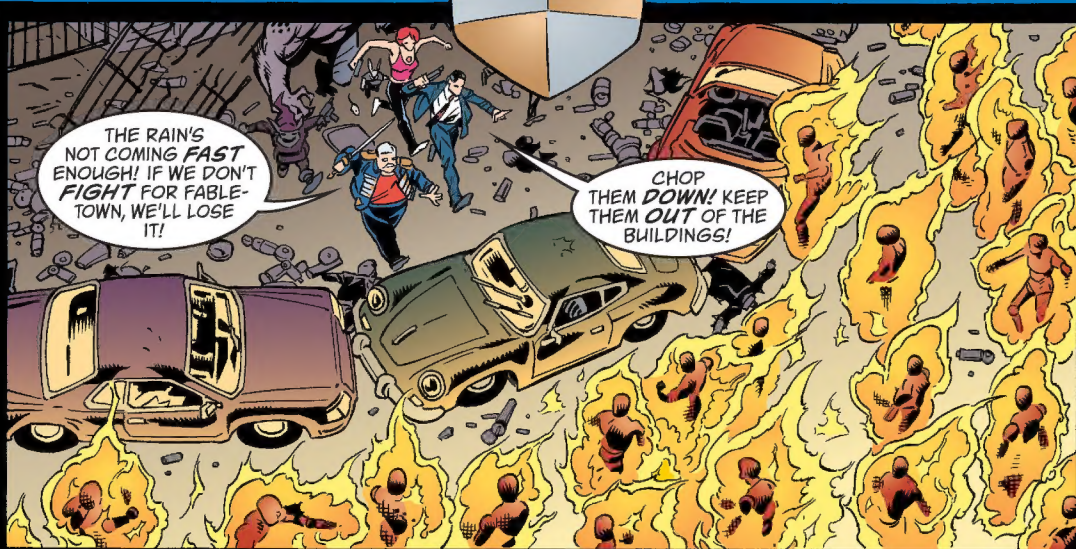
FIRE HOSE



THIS IS FOR MY BOO BEAR, YOU MONSTERS!



YEAUUUGH!



THE RAIN'S NOT COMING FAST ENOUGH! IF WE DON'T FIGHT FOR FABLE-TOWN, WE'LL LOSE IT!

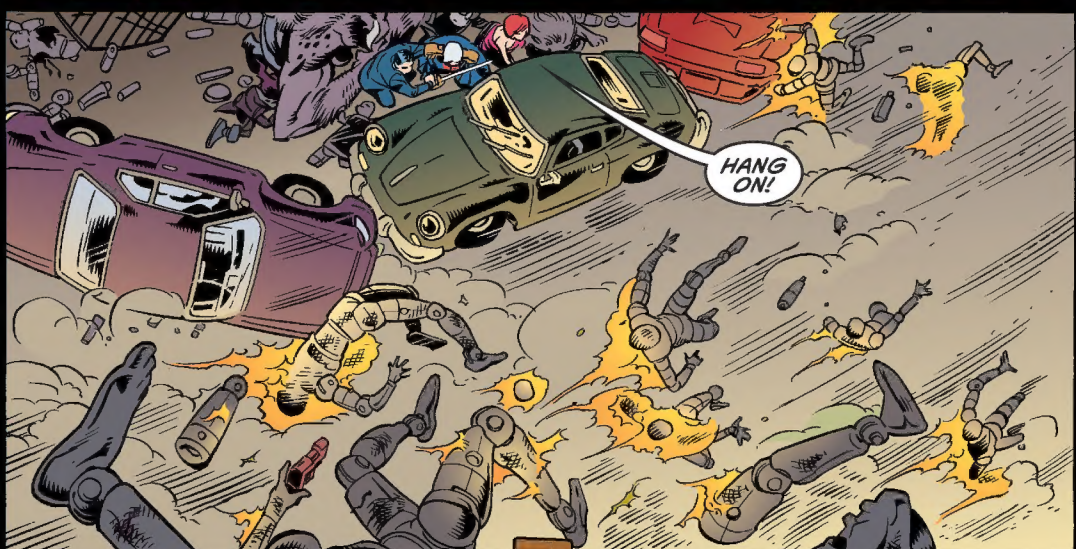
CHOP THEM DOWN! KEEP THEM OUT OF THE BUILDINGS!



SELL YOURSELVES DEARLY!

WHAT THE HELL?

HUH? HOLD ON, Y'HONOR! GET DOWN!



HANG ON!



TOO MANY CANDLES ON THIS BIRTHDAY CAKE.

BIGBY!



SORRY I'M LATE, FOLKS.



DID I GET ANY OF YOU WITH MY HUFF AND PUFF? IT'S NOT THE EASIEST THING TO AIM.

MAYBE WE'D BETTER TEND TO THE REMAINING FIRES BEFORE ANYTHING ELSE.

**NEXT:**  
WRAPPING UP THE WAR, THE FATE OF FABLETOWN...AND JUST WHAT HAPPENED TO RED RIDING HOOD DURING ALL THIS?

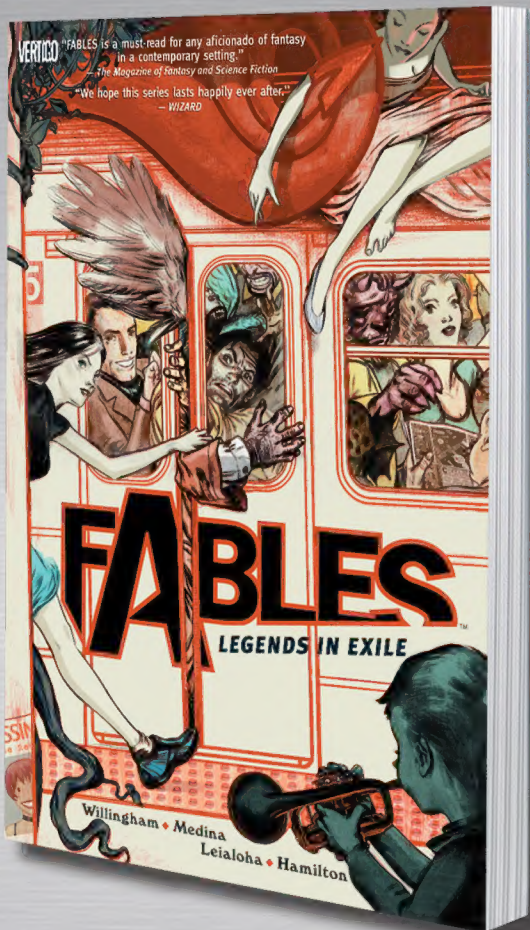
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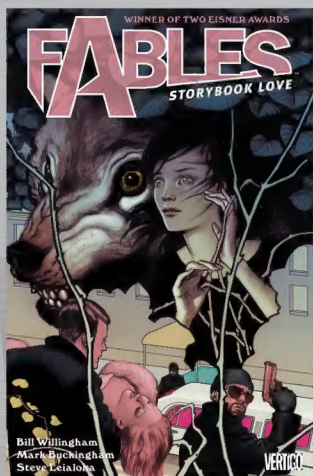
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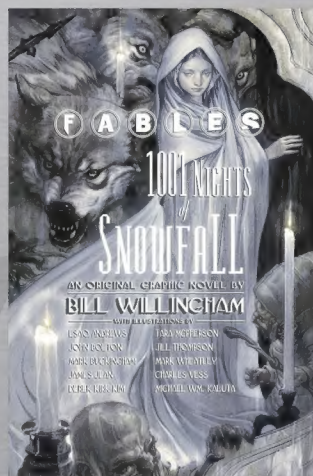
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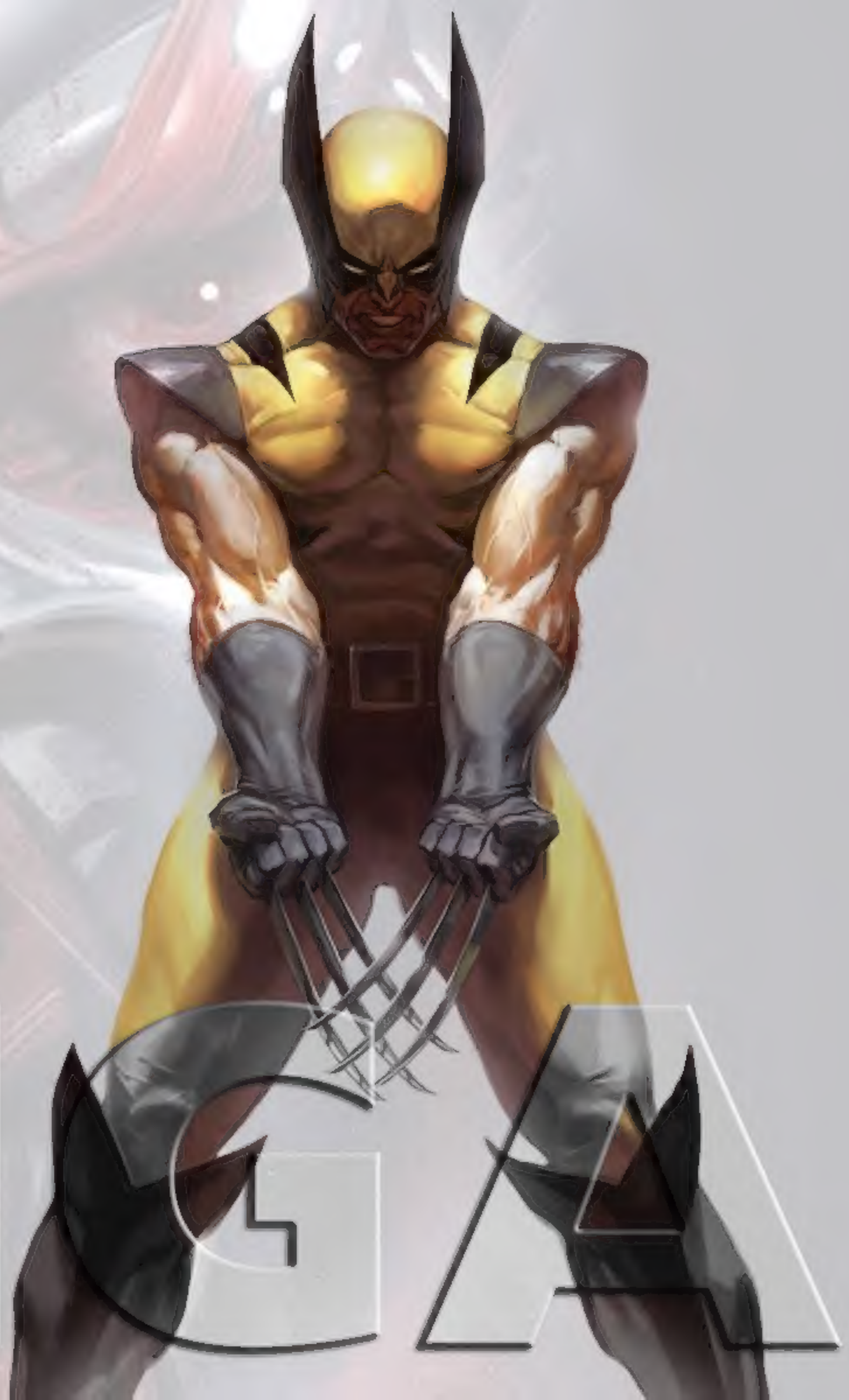


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